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1. The impression among Yugoslav and Eastern European Communist officials, is that it is easily within the power of the Soviet area to take over the rest of Europe by military force at the present time, as the US, the only country which could oppose the Communists, does not have the forces available in Europe at the present time. They also believe the US will not use the atomic bomb on Europe.
2. The Yugoslav five-year plan is entirely one of a military preparation, and building up their war-making power is the objective of all the Communist Governments. The Youth Railway and other railway projects in Yugoslavia are being undertaken primarily because of their military and strategic value.
3. Communist governments will not precipitate the outbreak of war at the present time, but it is in their plans if they find it impossible by infiltration and other measures short of war to accomplish their ultimate aim, namely, world domination.

The Communists in Asia expect China to be completely in their hands within the next year and believe that the rest of Asia would not be able to resist them after that.

4. The next country in which Communist domination will be firmly established by terroristic and other familiar measures will be Czechoslovakia, which at present is not firmly and completely under Communist control.
5. The Communists will move in Italy, assuming they are unsuccessful at the polls next spring, somewhat as in Greece, with guerrilla activities carried out by Partisan bands in the North.

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